



CALL TO ARTISTS

Request for Qualifications for Arrowhead Library System Legacy Public Library Art Project

Project Description – The Eveleth Public Library is pleased to announce a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to create a piece(s) of public artwork for the Eveleth Public Library. The artwork will celebrate Eveleth’s history and culture, or celebrates the joy of reading. The artwork(s) will be displayed in high-traffic locations either inside or outside the library for all to enjoy.

Artist Eligibility – The RFQ is open to all artists 18 years of age or older, currently living in NE Minnesota, working in any media.

Project Budget – The project budget is \$12,000 which includes all artist fees, travel, research, design, materials, fabrication, transportation, installation/construction and documentation.

Deadline for the RFQ – February 19, 2021

Site Specific Considerations –The proposed artwork(s) should celebrate one or more of the Eveleth community’s key artistic, cultural and/or historical attribute(s) and enhance the library building’s function as a source for art, culture and history within the community. Special consideration will be given to famous art/artists from the community (including but not limited to musicians, authors, poets, architects, painters, sculptors, etc.), the cultural composition/values of the community, and pinnacle historical events. The intent of the public artwork is to create art that honors the community and reinforces the perception of the library as a place to experience arts, culture and history through a variety of mediums. The artwork may also incorporate the reflection of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected Northeastern Minnesota and our community.

Artwork located outdoors should be cost effective and durable due to the exposure to outside elements. Design considerations could include functional pieces such as seating, bike racks, solar lighting if applicable, and multi-sensory features.

Background – The Eveleth Public Library is a 100+ year old Carnegie library located at 614 Pierce Street, Eveleth, Minnesota, and has served the citizens of Eveleth since July 1, 1914. Their mission is to inspire people of all ages to enjoy reading, while expanding their minds, improving community life through dynamic programming, and extending the reach of information resources in a welcoming historic setting. Eveleth is home of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Our pre-COVID-19 partners include the Eveleth Heritage Society, and phenology and genealogy education/gatherings - all helping us to discover and preserve the heritage of our community.

Schedule of Dates:

February 19, 2021	Requests for Qualifications must be received at the Eveleth Public Library
February 24, 2021	RFQs reviewed by the local committee and artist finalists are selected
March 1-5, 2021	Artist finalists interviewed by the local committee at the Eveleth Public Library
March 5, 2021	Artists will be selected and projects awarded by the local committee, pending approval by ALS Library Board

March 9, 2021	ALS Library Board approves artist selected by local committee
March 26, 2021	Artists' art concepts due to the Eveleth Public Library
April 9, 2021	Artists' art concept revisions due (if necessary) to the Eveleth Public Library
April 13, 2021	Final approval of artist(s) concepts by the local committee
June 30, 2021	Project completion date

Request for Qualifications Must Include: One copy of each of the following:

1. A LETTER OF INTEREST, no more than 1-1/2 pages in length, which explains the artist's interest in the project, relevant experience, and philosophy on public art.
2. A CURRENT RESUME, no more than two pages, including references.
3. 12 DIGITAL IMAGES of the artist's work. Digital images can be on a CD, SD card, or USB flash drive that is PC compatible. Photos should be 600x800 jpg, gif or tif; each image's file name should include the artist's name and a reference number.
4. AN ANNOTATED IMAGE LIST or VIDEO DESCRIPTION with the artist's name and a brief description of each image. The brief description shall include the art's title, date, medium, size, location, and cost.
5. A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE appropriately sized and sufficiently stamped for the return of your application materials (if you want them returned to you).

Submit the above information by FEBRUARY 19, 2021 to:

Mary Ellen Higgins, Library Director, Eveleth Public Library, 614 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN 55734

(Have questions, call 218-744-7499)

Other:

- The artists' concepts that are due on March 26, 2021 shall include a visual representation of the proposed art piece, size of the art piece, materials to be used, weight of the piece, installation requirements, maintenance requirements, and a budget.
- Upon approval of the final artist(s) concepts on April 13, 2021, by the local committee, the artist(s) will be informed of the approval and can begin work on the project.
- The final artist(s) will sign a contract with Arrowhead Library System for their project(s).

This project is funded in part or in whole with funds from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage



The committee reserves the right to exercise its discretion and apply its judgment with respect to any aspect of this request for proposals; the evaluation of proposals and the negotiation and award of any contract; and to weigh its evaluation criteria in any manner it deems appropriate. The Committee also reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities.